

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes Fig. 1a and Fig. 1b.

Attachments:        Fig. 1a and Fig 1b.

**REMARKS**

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the expression objected to by the Examiner in Claim 19 has been deleted. Accordingly, this obviates the rejection of the Claims under the first paragraph under 35 U.S.C. §112 and this rejection should be withdrawn.

Additionally, submitted herewith are drawings Fig. 1a and Fig 1b. The specification has already been amended to discuss these figures and the figures clearly now show every feature of the invention as specified in the claims. In particular, Fig. 1a shows that connector 5 is made movable in the vertical direction as shown by dotted lines A to facilitate attaching and detaching of blood filter units 2. Support is found for this means in the specification at page 7, lines 22-24. In addition, new Fig 1b has been added to show suction lines 72 and connecting port 71. Support is found in the specification at page 6, lines 12-14 and 16-19. Accordingly, no new matter has been added. It is believed that the inclusion of Fig. 1a and Fig. 1b clearly obviates the Examiner's objection to the drawings and this objection should also be withdrawn.

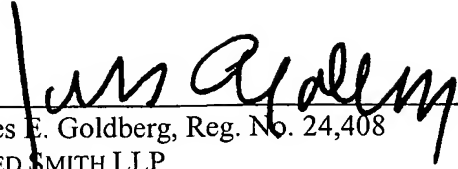
In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration and prompt Notice of Allowance are earnestly

solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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